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Political Committee Chairman
George Keating's speech

Addresses Gathering Here— McCarthy Attacks Keating

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Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., came under fire from Minnesota's junior senator here this morning for his continuing criticism of Administration Cuban policy.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota DFL junior senator, told a "coffee hour" gathering of about 50 persons at Holland's Cafeteria that Sen. Keating has made "wild guesses" when right about Cuba and is "irresponsible" in his charges.

"UNLESS YOU want to be as irresponsible as he is," said Sen. McCarthy, "you choose between what Keating says and the judgment of the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department and the Presidency."

He charged Senate Republicans with playing "a kind of Russian roulette" over Cuba.

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"I don't think anybody wants a satisfactory," Sen. McCarthy said real catastrophe, but unless there is trouble the (Republican) charges will do them no good," McCarthy said.

Asked if Sen. Keating had not been correct in Senate floor and television speeches warning of impending trouble in Cuba prior to the Cuban crisis, Sen. McCarthy labeled Keating's charges "a wild guess that turned out right two months later."

He charged that Keating uses "techniques used by Sen. (Joseph) McCarthy of Wisconsin 15 years ago."

ASKED IF CUBA is not more dangerous as a "fifth column" station for subversion in Latin America, McCarthy said "all you have to go on is the President's statement that this has top priority. We'll have to wait and see."

U2 flights for intelligence reconnaissance over Cuba are "fairly

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